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>From: Jim Blattau & Sue Cortes
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>Chang; Fukunaga, Carol A; Menor, Ron
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>Re: Testimony in Strong Support of Resolution 13-146

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>Aloha Committee on Parks Chair Joey Manahan and members of the
>committee,

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>I strongly support Resolution 13-146, which seeks to identify city
>lands suitable for additional community gardens.

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>As a resident of a community that does not currently have a community
>garden, I am excited to learn the City is considering expansion of this
>great program. I along with many others in my community would welcome
>the opportunity to have a community garden as a place to, among other
>things, relax, grow food for my family, and gather with my community.

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>Passing Resolution 13-146 is an important first step towards providing
>additional community gardening opportunities. It is my hope that the
>City Council will consider using a portion of the 25 acre Pupukea
>Paumalu city-owned parkland as a one of the new community gardens.
>This location is ideal because its adjacency to the elementary school,
>neighborhood park, Kamehameha Hwy, and bike path make it a very
>convenient place for area residents. Community interest and support for
>such a resource is very strong.

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>Though the North Shore is a rural area, many residents live too close
>to the ocean - and salty breezes that come with it to have a viable
>home garden. Many others do not have yard space to accommodate a home garden.
>And yet others rent their homes and do not have permission to dig up
>their lawns for gardens.

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>Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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>Sincerely,

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